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Cambridge May 7<sup>th</sup> 1778.



Sir

As we have now been here several months and that in general the good order of the Troops must have given you reason to suppose favourably of the intentions of Individuals, I will take the liberty of troubling you on a matter, of no great consequence indeed, which has happened to me — I have in common with the Officers of the Troops of the Convention of Saratoga made it a point to comply strictly with the spirit of the Parole we have given and signed, and in my constant riding out I have kept the cross and intermediate roads within the bounds of Water Town and Monotony — Once only, by the accident of a sudden turn I got some way into the Parish of Waltham when an Inhabitant a Mr. Peter Warren very civilly told me of my mistake, which so soon as I was convinced of I returned back and have ever since cautiously avoided going into any cross road out of the limits of Water Town and Monotony — nay, so scrupulous I have been that although I think you gave me a tacit liberty of riding round Monotony Pond I have never done it, rather waiting till I had it more clearly explained — under this description I now mention to you that riding two days since in an intermediate road I was arrested by a Man whom I took for  
Major Gen<sup>l</sup> Heath



for the very Peter Warren I have before named, but it proved to be his Brother William, he told me rather mildly that I had no right to ride about, and that he would complain of me — It was impossible for me to enter into an altercation with this man, but I think it right to address you, Sir, on the occasion and to hope that such consideration may be paid my Rank & situation as may save me from the rudeness of indifferent People, whom I cannot have injured, for I never speak to any person whatever to avoid giving offence to what I hold sacred — my word of Honour.

These two persons Peter and William Warren are of Waltham, and might rest satisfied in presiding over the safety of that Parish without interposing in Water Town and Monksbury Parishes where many of our Officers live quietly and peaceably and whose Committees are, I dare say, convinced we mean to continue so and not injure any one.

I enclose you an Order I have this day given out to prevent as much as possible any future mistakes.

I am Sir

Your most obedient  
humble servant

W. Pitt





From Gen. Phillips  
relative to the Officers  
riding up to the  
Limits —

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General Orders

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Major General Phillips ~~being~~<sup>is</sup> assured the officers mean  
to adhere strictly to the Parole they have given, and not  
ride or walk without the limits — but as through  
mistake it may happen in the intermediate roads unless  
they are cautious — The Major General, therefore enjoins  
the utmost care in this particular, and that in walking  
in the lanes they enquire whether they are within  
the Parishes of Menotomy & Water Town, and are never  
to exceed those, nor the bounds set within them.

(Signed)

T. Pitby

D. S. G.





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